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**TOWN OF OAKHAM  
MASSACHUSETTS**

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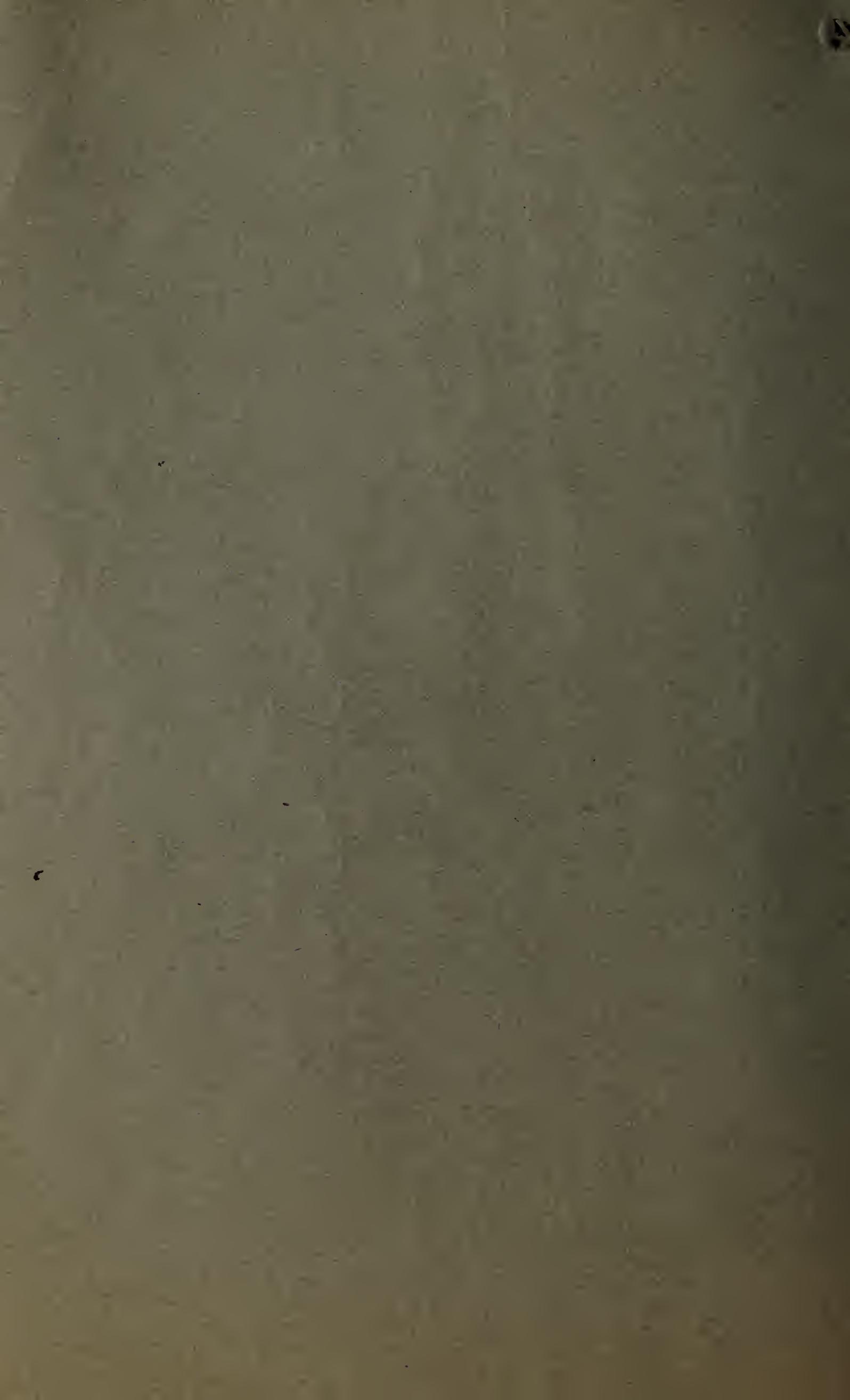


**ANNUAL OFFICIAL REPORTS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1917**

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## **TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1917**

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**TOWN CLERK:**

JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1918

**SELECTMEN:**

SYLVESTER R. DEAN, Term expires 1918  
JOHN P. DAY, Term expires 1919  
\*GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD, 1920

**ASSESSORS:**

WALTER A. WOODIS, Term expires 1918  
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL (Left town)  
JOHN W. DWELLEY (Appointed), Term expires 1919  
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, Term expires 1920

**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:**

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, Term expires 1918  
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE, Term expires 1919  
JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1920

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1918  
J. NELSON BALL, Term expires 1919  
MRS. MINNIE M. DAY, Term expires 1920

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES:**

FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL, Term expires 1918  
JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1919  
SARA E. BUTLER, Term expires 1920

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\*Deceased.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

ALFRED C. MORSE,	Term expires 1918
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1920

COLLECTOR:

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER:

JOHN W. DWELLY.

AUDITOR:

ROY M. WEAVER.

TREE WARDEN:

GEORGE H. MORSE.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

\*GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

GEORGE H. MORSE.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

O. D. WEBBER,	W. A. WOODIS,
W. R. DEAN.	

MEASURERS OF WOOD:

A. C. MORSE,	S. R. DEAN,
F. H. PARMENTER.	

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\*Deceased.

FENCE VIEWERS:

JESSE ALLEN,                            S. H. HASSELL,  
    C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

CONSTABLES:

W. C. AYRES,    W. R. DEAN,    F. H. PARMENTER,  
F. L. CHEEVER,                            FREDERICK EXLEY,  
    H. W. BARTLETT.

FIELD DRIVERS:

JOHN ROBINSON,                            EDWIN GREEN

TOWN AGENT:

FRANK S. CONANT.

UNDERTAKER:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

CATTLE INSPECTOR:

HENRY W. STONE.

JOHN W. DWELLY (Appointed),    Term expires 1919

FOREST FIREWARDEN:

C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

JAMES R. CHILDS.



# TOWN WARRANT

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER SS.

*To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fourth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one Selectman to fill vacancy, two years; Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers six Constables; also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town?" all on one bal-

lot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 12th. To see if the town will employ some per-

son or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to light the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 15th. To see if the town will vote to insure their employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 23, General Acts of 1917, entitled "An act to provide for the licensing of coffee houses, so called.

Article 17th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 254, General Acts 1917, entitled "An act to authorize cities and towns to pay their employees who enlist in the service of the United States the difference between their military and their municipal compensation.

Article 18th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to paint the outside of the town hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 19th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to pay one-fourth the cost of painting the outside of the church, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 20th. To see if the town will withdraw from the Charlton Poor Farm Association or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 21st. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to have its real estate re-valued or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up

three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

JOHN P. DAY                    } *Selectmen of*  
SYLVESTER R. DEAN } *Oakham.*

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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### **BIRTHS.**

Jan. 21. Son (John A.) to Martin and Damycile Win-sky.  
Mar. 1. Son (John V.) to John and Sarah E. Donnelly.  
Mar. 15. Daughter (Marion G.) to Oliver and Etta M. Wilkins.  
Mar. 28. Daughter (Louise A.) to Harry and Della L. Green.  
Apr. 22. Daughter (Muriel E.) to Milton A. and Minnie M. Bullard.  
Nov. 8. Daughter (Leah Rhoda) to Fabius and Rhoda L. Beckwith.

### **MARRIAGES.**

Feb. 3. Richard N. Malcolm to Sophie Ring.  
Sept. 3. John J. Bechan to Mary Stehlík.  
Sept. 19. John Robinson to Annie Christiansen.  
Dec. 18. Leo W. Scott to Florence N. Hadley.

### **DEATHS.**

		<b>Y</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>D</b>
Jan.	8. John Haire,	69	9	29
Jan.	28. Charles H. Ferrin,	42	9	29
Feb.	9. Lydia A. Allen,	82	2	3
Mar.	8. Frank L. Nickerson,	58	8	22
Mar.	4. Frank N. Fobes,	47	11	7

		Y	M	D
Apr. 6.	Jason A. Allen,	84	0	13
Apr. 29.	William H. Manning,	74	7	17
May 14.	Magdalen Holman,	53	7	21
Oct. 1.	Fannie F. Lincoln,	72		
Nov. 6.	John W. Baldwin,	78	2	4
Nov. 11.	Gilbert T. Butterfield,	39	9	15
Dec. 9.	Clara M. McClanathan,	57	1	28
Dec. 25.	Mrs. G. W. Stone,	76	5	2
Dec. 27.	Mary J. (Butterfield) Whittemore,	67	3	26

Population, 527.

Voters: male, 133; female, 9.

Number of dogs licensed: male, 76; female, 14—90.

Number of hunters' licenses, 79.

JESSE ALLEN,  
*Town Clerk.*

## **TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**

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*Dr.*

Jan. 1, to cash on hand,	\$883 88
Received of Edmund Cody, taxes, 1915, \$36 91	
Edmund Cody, taxes, 1916,         2,039 79	
Edmund Cody, taxes, 1917,         6,238 03	
State of Massachusetts, corpora- tion tax,                             75 36	
State of Massachusetts, National Bank tax,                             43 93	
State of Massachusetts, soldiers' exemption,                             13 19	
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,                             120 75	
State of Massachusetts, highway commission,                           300 00	
State of Massachusetts, inspec- tion of animals,                     18 00	
State of Massachusetts, State Aid, 275 00	
State of Massachusetts, State School Fund,                         1,120 95	
State of Massachusetts, Income tax,                                   274 23	
State of Massachusetts, aid to mothers with dependent children, 25 58	
State of Massachusetts, one-half tuition of a pupil at Trade School,                               43 00	

State Commissioner of Weights and Measures,	3 00
J. W. Sargent & Son,	25 00
Worcester Trust Co.,	5,000 00
Guy C. Allen, Jr., & Ray Shaw, liquor license,	1,000 00
W. C. Temple, Acct. School Su- perintendent,	187 50
City of Boston, appropriation for school committee,	75 75
Dog Fund, returned,	181 05
Rent of Memorial Hall,	6 00
Cemetery Committee,	72 00
Perpetual Care Funds,	65 00
One innholder's license,	1 00
One butcher's license,	1 00
John L. Smith, balance on fines,	34 92
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	7 35
Overseers of Poor,	17 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	6 92
Sale of Library lamps,	9 00
Mrs. Celia Fobes, for Library Fund,	1,000 00
Mr. H. P. Wright, for Memorial Fund,	500 00
Mrs. Charles Prouty, Cemetery Fund,	100 00
	———— \$20,691 09

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By paying Selectmen's orders,	\$16,905 80
Trust funds deposited,	1,600 00
Overlaying taxes, 1917,	183 38
	———— \$18,689 17

Balance in Treasury,	\$2,001 91
Due Worcester Trust Co.,	2,000 00
Overlaying 1915 and 1916 taxes,	266 55

*Fobes Memorial Fund and Interest*

Deposited in the Worcester County Institution  
for Savings

Mrs. Celia Fobes,	\$2,000 00
Interest,	110 80
B. P. Clark,	822 62
Alfred Park Wright Memorial Fund,	\$500 00

*Cemetery Trust Funds*

Deposited in the Worcester County Institution  
for Savings:

George H. Gould,	\$100 00
Daniel H. Dean,	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
A. J. Holdein,	50 00
Lyman S. Walker,	100 00
William A. Fobes,	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100 00
Henry A. Morse,	100 00
William L. Haskell,	100 00
Henry P. Wright,	100 00
Laura G. Burt	100 00
Anna D. Adams,	25 00
Hall & Nourse,	100 00

In the Mechanics Savings Bank:

Stephen Lincoln,	\$150 00
Charles A. Fobes,	100 00

Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Martha M. Macullar,	100 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Weeks & Ellicott,	100 00

In the Five Cents Savings Bank:

Ruth H. Robinson,	\$50 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,  
*Treasurer.*

## **REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN**

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The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1917.

### **PAID TOWN OFFICERS.**

#### *Town Clerk*

Paid Jesse Allen,	\$67 74
Postage and Tel.,	3 89
Record Book,	2 00
	———— \$73 63

#### *Treasurer*

Paid John Dwelly,	\$50 00
Postage and Ex.,	10 32
	———— 60 32

#### *Tax Collector*

Paid Ed Cody,	\$85 00
Postage,	9 25
	———— 94 25

#### *Selectmen*

Paid John P. Day,	\$50 00
G. T. Butterfield Estate,	30 00
Sylvester R. Dean,	40 00
Postage and Tel.,	3 24
	———— 123 24

*Assessors*

Paid S. H. Haskell,	\$25 00
W. H. Parkman,	40 00
W. A. Woodis,	50 00
John Dwelly,	15 00
Postage, etc.,	1 50
	—
	131 50

*Auditor*

Paid Roy Weaver,	50 00
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*Ballot Clerks and Tellers*

Paid George A. Briggs,	\$2 00
A. C. Morse,	8 00
C. B. Daniels,	2 00
F. E. Davis,	10 00
C. H. Trowbridge,	2 00
John Dwelly,	8 00
George Morse,	4 00
	—
	36 00

*Registrars of Voters*

Paid John P. Day,	\$10 00
Sylvester Dean,	10 00
G. T. Butterfield,	10 00
Jesse Allen,	10 00
	—
	40 00

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

Paid George H. Morse,	15 00
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*Overseers of Poor*

Services and Support of Poor,	784 92
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*School Committee*

Paid for support of schools, 5,317 37

*Library Trustees*

Paid for support of library, 455 17

*Superintendent of Streets*

Paid for highways and bridges, 971 71

*Care of Street Lights*

Paid Oliver Wilkins,	\$84 00
John Dwelly,	56 00
Albert Briggs,	28 00
G. S. Butler,	14 15
C. H. Parker & Son,	118 56
American Gas Machine Co.,	12 69
	—
	313 40

*Bonds for Town Officers*

Paid Mass. Bonding Co.	
Treasurer,	\$12 00
Tax Collector,	30 00
	—
	42 00

*Cemetery Committee*

Paid for care of cemeteries, 183 39

*State and County Tax*

Paid County tax,	\$441 00
State tax,	990 00
	—
	1,431 00

*State Aid*

Paid H. M. Green,	\$72 00
Mrs. John E. Stone,	18 00
S. Amanda Reed,	72 00
Emma A. Blodgett,	72 00
	_____
	234 00

*Worcester Trust Co.*

Paid for money borrowed,	\$4,500 00
Interest,	110 67
	_____
	4,610 67

*State Road*

Paid for building state road,	393 66
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*Opening Roads*

Paid for opening roads,	504 00
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*Memorial Day*

Paid Soldiers Memorial Association,	12 71
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*Insurance for Employees*

Paid F. A. Smith & Son,	41 41
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*Liquor License*

Paid State Treasurer $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license,	250 00
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*Brown Tail Moth*

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	26 52
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*Fires*

C. H. Trowbridge,	\$18 75
G. T. Butterfield,	41
State supplies,	4 70
G. S. Butler,	2 70
Young Bros. ladder,	25 20
Ed Cody,	3 50
	—
	55 26

*Miscellaneous*

C. G. Rogers, printing,	\$165 03
J. P. Fairbank, death returns and burial agent,	19 50
W. W. Russell, care of hall,	79 08
Charles F. Gettemy, certifying notes,	4 00
Hobbs & Warren, blanks,	68
George S. Butler, supplies,	23 00
W. R. Dean, wood,	6 00
Worcester County Abstract Co.	5 90
Henry W. Stone, inspector of live stock,	36 00
W. C. Ayers, trip to East Brookfield,	5 00
D. H. Rice, Willard case,	22 69
Mathew Binding Co., law book,	10 50
W. & L. E. Gurley, sealer's supplies,	9 39
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	20 00
Sylvester R. Dean, rent of deposit box,	3 00
J. P. Fairbank, flowers,	10 00
John P. Day, wood,	8 75
F. H. Parmenter, Callahan case,	9 90
John L. Smith, Harris case,	14 90
Fred H. Parmenter, Chase case,	21 60
Industrial School, tuition for Frank- lin Cheever,	45 00

Henry W. Stone, wood,	48 00
C. H. Trowbridge, trimming trees,	2 25
Frank Davis, care of clock,	25 00
Fred Parmenter,	21 50
Ed Cody, lime and cement for library,	8 75
C. H. Trowbridge, labor on library,	5 00
F. L. Cheever, police,	6 00
F. H. Parmenter, police,	3 00
W. C. Ayres, police,	6 00
John P. Day, transportation,	4 25
G. F. McNamara, towards band at E. Brookfield,	5 00
	—————
	654 67
Total for year,	\$16,942 48

#### REPAIRING ROADS

G. T. Butterfield,	\$323 30
Fred Parkman,	144 86
David Hollowell,	38 75
William Mann,	7 75
W. R. Dean,	27 00
Frank Stone,	26 38
John Beechan,	15 25
C. S. Clifford,	3 00
W. A. Woodis,	36 76
Evander Green,	63 88
Joe Beechan,	15 75
Waldo Knight,	1 50
Frank Boyd,	62 37
W. H. Boyd,	25 74
S. Sherman,	5 50
David Lebonte.	2 65

Guy C. Allen,	9 00
W. H. Parkman,	18 24
Pat O'Donnell,	11 25
Roy Weaver,	20 00
Clifford Knight,	2 50
Henry Poole,	6 44
W. Beckwith,	8 49
C. B. Daniels,	10 00
John Keep,	2 00
George Morse,	42 60
A. D. Webber,	3 00
C. H. Parker,	5 25
John P. Day,	7 25
James Gaffney,	8 75
James Woodis,	8 50
W. B. Green,	2 50
Fred Exley,	5 50
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	\$971 71

### To Town of Oakham:

Accept our sincere appreciation of the floral tribute which came to us in our hour of sorrow.

MR. AND MRS. M. M. BUTTERFIELD  
AND FAMILY.

Once more the angel of Death has come among our town officials, this time taking our beloved friend and associate, Gilbert T. Butterfield. Mr. Butterfield was a young man of excellent character and sterling qualities, one who was a friend to everyone and always anxious and willing to help anyone who was in trouble. Mr. Butterfield had served the town faithfully as selectman for seven years, and had been a most efficient road commissioner for five years. His presence in the community in which he lived will be sadly missed, and as a citizen of our town it has lost one of its most enterprising young men, and one who had a most promising future before him. In behalf of the town and ourselves we extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

JOHN P. DAY      }      Selectmen  
                        }      of  
SYLTTESTER R. DEAN      }      Oakham

## **Mary Lincoln Alden Memorial Fund**

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Mr. George I. Alden of Worcester has very generously presented the town \$5000 in bonds, in memory of his first wife, Mary Lincoln Alden, who was a native of this town. This fund is to be known as the "Mary Lincoln Alden Memorial Fund," the income of which is to be used for the benefit and relief of the poor, sick and needy of Oakham. It is not the intention of Mr. Alden that any of this money should be used to reduce any of the appropriation for the Poor Department, but to furnish extras, delicacies, etc., for those who are in need. This fund is left in the hands of the Selectmen, who are to act as trustees, and are authorized to spend the income where in judgment it is most needed. The bonds are deposited in a safe deposit box in the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester and are drawing 5 per cent interest.

We feel very grateful to Mr. Alden for this gift and believe that it will be greatly appreciated and of great benefit to the people of our town.

Mr. Alden also has very kindly given his personal check for \$50, to be used immediately, if necessary, until there is interest due on this bond which will be March first.

JOHN P. DAY                    { *Selectmen of*  
SYLVESTER R. DEAN } *Oakham*

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**1917**

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This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, Moth Exterminator, Library Trustees, Treasurer and Tax Collector, and found them to be correct.

R. M. WEAVER,  
Auditor.

## **COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

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Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1915	\$33 87
Interest	3 05
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	\$36 92

Dr.

By Treasurer's report	\$36 92
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Uncollected taxes for 1916	\$2054 62
Interest	79 32
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	\$2133 94

Dr.

By Treasurer's report	\$2086 35
Abatement	34 85
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	\$2121 20
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	\$12 74

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection Aug. 22, 1917.

State tax	\$990 00
County tax	441 00
Town tax	6615 00

Overlaying	\$201 38
Omitted taxes	93 25
Interest	1 60
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	\$8342 23

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By Treasurer's receipts	6191 47
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	\$2150 76

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,

Collector.

## **REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER**

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### **OPENING ROADS**

Paid G. T. Butterfield	\$52 50
Guy C. Allen, Jr.	6 87
Evander Green	15 75
Paul Needham	4 25
Walter B. Green	15 25
Clarence Grimes	15 25
Edwin Bullard	12 50
Bert S. Reed	8 75
Frank Fobes	1 75
Winthrop Boyd	3 75
Frank Winslow	1 67
James Gaffney	12 25
Charles Trowbridge	1 13
Roy Weaver	5 75
William Snay	6 00
W. R. Dean	17 83
John P. Day	13 44
Fred T. Parkman	11 88
William H. Parkman	12 13
Dayid Hallowell	3 75
James Scott	30 59
Alvin Swindell	3 00
F. W. Beckwith	7 50
William Gaffney	31 34

Justin E. Rawson	\$18 03
Frank Lupa	14 77
Clifford Knight	9 75
F. J. Doyle	9 75
Fay D. Russell	3 50
Walter A. Woodis	23 32
Ira W. Stone	21 58
George A. Briggs	2 25
Frank Boyd	3 00
Charles Daniels	1 00
Milton Bullard	9 92
Henry U. Crawford	1 00
Dennis Leyden	4 75
Patrick Moran	2 00
John Moran	3 75
Thomas Moran	2 25
Patrick O'Donnell	5 25
Morton F. Lincoln	31 30
Frank Stone	3 00
John Thresher	1 13
William Mann	1 25
A. Arnold	1 25
Thomas Gaffney	15 78
George Morse	1 08
J. Fred Allen	3 75
Mason Dean	5 54
Ralph Keep	1 50
Milton Bullard	3 67
George Grimes	2 00
Edgar Swindell	75
Frederick Exley	1 75
A. B. Spooner	67
Orton Butler	2 50
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	\$504 00

## GRAVEL ROAD

Paid Evander Green	\$84 00
Winthrop Boyd	38 50
James Woodis	35 75
Ralph Cody	30 00
Porter Woodis	32 50
David Hallowell	30 00
Fred Parkman	63 00
Frank Boyd	24 75
Paul Needham	20 00
Walter R. Dean	27 00
George Morse	4 00
George S. Butler	1 66
Frank E. Loring	1 50
David Labonte	1 00
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	\$393 66

W. H. BOYD,  
Road Commissioner,  
(Pro Tem.).

## **LIST OF JURORS**

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Thomas Gaffney, Farmer  
Fred Parmenter, Officer  
Roy Weaver, Farmer  
George H. Morse, Farmer  
Ira Stone, Farmer  
Frank Cheever, Carpenter  
Clifford Knight, Farmer

## **REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

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Assessment,	\$11 40
Charlton Poor Farm,	155 56
City of Worcester, St. Vincent Hospital,	118 29
City of Worcester, St. Vincent Hospital,	30 72
Overseers of the Poor (Mothers' Aid),	319 00
Hobbs & Warren, Printing blanks,	45
M. F. Lincoln, Care of poor,	32 90
Mrs. Kate Allen, Care of poor,	7 50
Dr. Douglass, Medical attendance,	4 00
Wm. H. Parkman, Overseer,	46 00
C. H. Trowbridge, Overseer,	19 00
C. H. Trowbridge, Care of poor,	10 00
Jesse Allen, Overseer,	28 00
Jesse Allen, Postage,	3 00
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	\$784 92

Respectfully submitted,  
**JESSE ALLEN,**  
**WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,**  
**CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,**  
*Overseers of the Poor.*

## **Report of Charlton Poor Farm Association**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1917

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In presenting this annual report, the Management of the Association feel gratified that in spite of the fact that every necessity of life costs more than last year, the cost per week has been brought down considerably. The Association is fortunate in being able to retain the services of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Wheeler as Warden and Matron for another year, beginning April 1, 1918.

The town of Charlton has repainted the entire interior of the house and installed a large refrigerator. The refrigerator is large enough to hold supplies of meats and provisions in sufficient quantities, so that they can be bought at wholesale, thereby making quite a saving.

The Officers of the Association are:

President, William H. Parkman,	Oakham, Mass.
Vice-President, Aaron L. Potter,	Holden, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, Louise M. Hanff,	Rutland, Mass.
Auditors, Horace P. Jacobs,	Auburn, Mass.
A. Fred Putnam,	Charlton, Mass.

The financial report follows:

### **RECEIPTS**

Milk,	\$1,851 73
Eggs,	47 10
Stock,	272 00
Outside Labor,	50 42
Produce,	194 30

Miscellaneous,	124	44
Board,	784	22
Inmates' Board,	3,204	74
Assessments,	620	03
	—————	\$7,148 98

### EXPENDITURES

Carl M. Wheeler and wife, salary,	\$750	00
Inside Labor,	260	70
Outside Labor,	301	56
Groceries,	1,145	42
Meats and Fish,	574	27
Clothing,	92	04
Hardware,	59	17
Grain,	961	33
Insurance,	120	58
Oil,	27	55
Miscellaneous,	240	30
Supplies,	231	02
Drugs,	47	33
Stock,	9	00
Telephone,	31	34
Filling Silo,	50	00
Blacksmithing,	21	46
Coal,	328	87
Medical Attendance,	45	40
Tobacco,	67	61
Fireproof Safe,	30	00
Seeds,	31	08
Mattresses,	90	00
Rent and Interest,	585	96
	—————	\$6,101 99

Balance in favor of the Association,      \$1,046 99

This amount will be credited to the several towns belonging to the Association in proportion to the amount paid to the Association for board of inmates during the year 1917.

Cash received and due from towns of the Association for board of inmates:

Charlton, 5 inmates, 108 weeks,	\$486 07
Holden, 4 inmates, 130 5-7 weeks,	586 36
Princeton, 1 inmate, 52 weeks,	234 63
Oakham, 1 inmate, 34 1-7 weeks,	155 56
Westminster, 1 inmate, 52 weeks	234 63
Rutland, 1 inmate, 52 weeks,	234 63
Hubbardston, 1 inmate, 10 3-7 weeks,	46 93
Hardwick, 1 inmate, 3 weeks,	13 50
Paxton, 1 inmate, 52 weeks,	234 63
Sterling, 2 inmates, 104 weeks,	469 26
Millbury, 2 inmates, 112 1-7 weeks,	508 54
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	\$3,204 74

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,

*President.*

LOUIS M. HANFF,

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

Charlton, Mass.,

January 1, 1918.

## **Report of the Cemetery Committee**

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### **RECEIPTS**

Town Appropriation,	\$75 00
Perpetual care of lots,	65 00
Individual care of lots,	72 00
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	\$212 00

### **EXPENSES**

Edwin Green, Supt.,	\$97 14
S. F. Woodis, Labor,	24 75
W. H. Maynard, Repairing tomb,	7 35
A. C. Morse, Labor,	10 25
Worcester Iron Works, Toomb-door,	37 00
J. P. Fairbank, Labor and fertilizer,	4 00
A. B. Spooner, Labor,	2 00
G. S. Butler,	90
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	\$183 39

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. MORSE,  
JESSE ALLEN,  
J. P. FAIRBANK,  
*Cemetery Committee.*

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

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During the year the library has been open to the public 102 days.

Circulation,	1,884
Largest number charged in one day,	37
Smallest number charged in one day,	4
Loaned for use in the public schools,	95

These publications are furnished for the reading room: Illustrated World, McClure's, Independent, Everybody's, Youth's Companion, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's, Today's Housewife, Etude, Country Gentleman, Successful Farming, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, The American Boy, Popular Mechanics, National Tribune, Official Bulletin, Our Dumb Animals, Worcester Telegram. The library has received gifts from the State Library Commission, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Oakham Y. P. S. C. E., Mrs. Celia E. Fobes, Dean Henry P. Wright, Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg, Gardner M. Dean, Walter A. Woodis, Albert P. Langtry, Mrs. Lilla Robinson, Mrs. Henry P. Wright, Mrs. Julius Brown, C. M. Packard, J. E. Bullard, Eleanor Hubbell, Mrs. Florine Lincoln Harvey.

\$10.00 was collected for the War Library Fund.

The library has 2,833 catalogued volumes. These have been added during the year:

Beyond the Frontier;	Randall
The Day of Wrath,	Tracy
Just David,	Porter
The Black Box,	Oppenheim
The Taming of Zenas Henry,	Bassett
When a Man's a Man,	Wright
The Real Man,	Lynde
The Shepherd of the North,	Maher
The Harbor,	Poole
Susan Clegg and Her Love Affairs,	Warner
The Landloper,	Day
The Tollhouse,	St. Leger
The World for Sale,	Parker
The Money Master,	Parker
Jack Among the Indians,	Grimmell
Jack in the Rockies,	Grimmell
Little Miss Grouch,	Adams
Seven Miles to Arden;	Sawyer
The Rainbow Trail,	Gray
Behind the Bolted Door,	McFarlane
Rebecca Mary,	Donnell
The Mystery of the Hasty Arrow,	Green
Green Fancy,	McCutcheon
The Witness,	Lutz
The Village Pest,	Montgomery
Calvary Alley,	Rice
Great Possessions,	Grayson
Anne's House of Dreams,	Montgomery
The Indian Drum,	MacHarg and Balmer
Our Garden Flowers,	Keeler
Principles of Fruit Growing,	Bailey
Manual of Gardening,	Bailey

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,	Twain
Every Man His Own Mechanic,	Barnard
Fireless Cook Book,	Mitchell
Feeding the Family,	Rose
Better Meals for Less Money,	Green
Pure Food Cook Book,	Maddock
The Jonathan Papers, 2 vols.,	Woodbridge
Blind Soldiers and Sailors' Gift Book	
A Student in Arms,	Hankey
A Hostage in Germany,	Desson
Belgium,	Enson
History of the World,	Larned
Uncivilized Races,	Wood
Electric Magazine	
Library of Travel,	Taylor
Washington and His Generals,	Headley
The Englishman in America,	
Gil Blas,	Smollet

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. DAVIS,  
*Librarian.*

## **FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **RECEIPTS**

Town appropriation,	\$300 00
Dog fund,	181 05
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	\$481 05

### **EXPENSES**

William C. Ayers, janitor,	\$120 00
H. R. Huntington, books,	39 38
American Gas Machine Co.,	1 62
G. S. Butler,	2 42
G. T. Butterfield, teaming,	17 47
Edmund Cody, coal,	77 33
W. A. Woodis, wood,	8 00
Insurance,	52 50
C. H. Trowbridge,	70
W. R. Dean, repair on furnace,	14 75
F. E. Davis, Librarian,	80 53
G. N. Briggs, carrying books,	25 00
Magazines and subscriptions,	12 00
Miscellaneous,	3 47
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	\$455 17

The Library has been well patronized for the year.

Mrs. C. E. Fobes of Worcester, who has done so much for the Town, has added one thousand dollars to the Library Fund, also presented to the Library a "Beautiful Flag."

Prof. H. P. Wright and wife, our "life long" friends, have also given to the Town five hundred dollars to be known as the "Alfred Parks Wright Memorial Fund," the income to be used in the purchase of literature useful especially to the schools of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
JESSE ALLEN,  
SARA BUTLER,  
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,  
*Library Trustees.*

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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### **RECEIPTS**

Town—Support of Schools,	\$1,800 00
Town—School Superintendent,	60 00
Town—Medical Inspection,	20 00
State return—School Fund,	1,120 95
State return—High School tuition,	890 00
State return—School Superintendent,	187 50
State return—Education State children,	120 75
City of Boston return—Education Boston children,	75 75
Town—School Transportation,	1,000 00
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	\$5,274 95

### **EXPENSES**

#### *School Committee*

Paid Jesse Allen, services,	858 75
Jesse Allen, school census,	5 00
J. Nelson Ball, services,	6 00
Mrs. Minnie M. Day, services,	11 00
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	880 75

*School Superintendents*

Paid Robert I. Bramhall,	\$192 50
James R. Childs,	90 00
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	\$282 50

*Teachers*

Paid Miss F. E. Bothwell,	\$416 00
Miss E. M. Braman,	382 00
Mrs. E. T. Swindell,	348 00
Miss R. E. Butterfield,	440 00
Miss H. Rutherford,	328 00
Miss E. Shaw,	110 00
Mrs. R. B. Dwelly,	144 00
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	\$2,168 00

*School Supplies*

Pair for supplies,	\$113 28
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*Care and Cleaning*

Paid W. W. Russell,	\$52 35
Frank Parkman,	14 00
Joana Winsky,	6 15
J. Nelson Ball,	21 00
Miss H. Rutherford,	9 50
Mrs. D. Hallowell,	5 10
Mrs. Minnie Parkman,	5 40
Mrs. John Harris,	5 00
J. Nelson Ball,	2 00
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	\$121 00

*Fuel*

Paid F. H. Parmenter,	\$2 00
Mr. Milton Bullard,	21 00
Mr. H. W. Stone,	9 00
Mr. W. W. Russell,	54 94
Mr. W. R. Dean,	30 00
Mr. Frank Winslow,	24 00
Mr. Mason Dean,	81 00
Mr. J. N. Ball,	8 25
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	\$230 19

*Repairs*

Paid Mr. B. S. Reed,	\$3 00
Mr. R. F. Parker,	3 07
Mr. Fullum,	2 40
Mr. J. P. Day,	9 40
Mr. W. R. Dean,	3 00
Mr. E. Swindell,	2 00
Mr. C. H. Trowbridge,	3 00
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	\$25 87

*Promotion of Health*

Paid Dr. C. W. Stickney,	\$20 00
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*Grade Transportation*

Paid Mrs. Bessie Labonte,	\$331 00
Mr. Ernest W. Mann,	11 30
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	\$342 30

### *High School Transportation*

Paid Mr. Edward Cody,	\$95 00
Mr. James Woodis,	16 50
Mr. Mason Dean,	12 00
Mr. William Gaffney,	120 00
Mr. E. Swindell,	42 00
Mr. Clifford Rutherford,	68 10
Mr. Patrick Moran,	51 00
Mr. Harry Parker,	36 00
Mr. Walter Bruce,	62 00
Mr. Frank Winslow,	49 50
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell,	57 00
Mr. Mason Dean,	24 00
Mr. James Fairbank,	64 50
Mr. Clayton Adams,	60 00
Rev. Albert Plum,	60 00
Mr. George Morse,	79 50
Mr. Geo. S. Butler,	64 50
Mr. Walter Dean,	60 00
Mr. Orrin Carpenter,	14 85
Mr. J. W. Knight,	18 00
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	\$1,054 45

### *High School Tuition*

Paid Town of Barre,	\$432 00
Town of Hardwick,	268 75
Town of Holden,	50 00
Town of North Brookfield,	80 00
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	\$830 75

*Insurance*

Paid F. A. Smith, \$25 90

*Truant Officer*

Paid F. H. Parmenter, \$3.50

*Miscellaneous*

Paid Barre Gazette, \$5 11

Mr. R. I. Bramhall, 2 05

Express, 1 00

Postage and express, 7 00

Postage and telephone, 3 72

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\$18 88

Total, \$5,317 37

Receipts, \$5,274 95

Expenditures, 5,317 37

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

J. NELSON BALL,

MINNIE M. DAY,

*School Committee.*

## **Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

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Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1918.

To the School Committee,  
Town of Oakham:

My first report as superintendent of schools, the 18th in the series since the formation of the present union, extends over the period from September, 1917.

We have been fortunate in having no changes in teachers during the year. The record made by our graduates in other schools is convincing evidence of the benefits derived from retaining the services of successful teachers from year to year. We should meet the increased cost of living by increases in salary, for while our teachers are ready and glad to meet the unusual conditions of the present time by unusual service and sacrifice, it is a serious fact that living expenses are from 60 per cent to 100 per cent greater than they were a few years ago, and salaries practically unchanged.

In visiting the schools I have noted carefully the material equipment and our needs as well as school work. The equipment is better than that usually found in rural schools, but a few matters call for attention. New out-houses should be built at the South School and these combined with a shed as at the West. The walls and ceilings in the school rooms at the Center should be retinted and new floors laid. There should be a teacher's desk and a low table and chairs in the Primary room, and I would

recommend that the heating plant be carefully overhauled.

I feel that the attitude of both teachers and pupils is serious and earnest and that excellent work is being accomplished. We have carried out some of the recommendations touching text books, as made by my predecessor, and our present needs are for language, civics and hygiene, and supplementary reading books.

In a recent bulletin issued by the State Board of Education, Commissioner Smith has this to say concerning the function of the public school:

"Education for citizenship has always been an underlying purpose of the American public school. To promote the qualities of intelligence, responsibility and service in our American democracy has been a chief motive of public education since the establishment of the first public school. This promotion of the common good is the principal justification of a free school system maintained by taxation of all the people. . . . It was doubtless with some such intention that the General Court of Massachusetts for 1917 amended the law which imposes certain duties upon teachers, by adding that of giving 'training in the duties of citizenship'."

To this training in citizenship there should be added some definite instruction in habits of thrift and in patriotism. It may be done in connection with the present work in history and geography. Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps furnish a point of contact in the teaching of thrift and conservation, and patriotism may well be shown to include the ideas of self-control, loyalty and obedience.

It will be well to call the attention of parents to legislation relating to school attendance, labor certificates

and vaccination. The law states that if a child is absent from school without excuse for more than seven days in six months, the parent or guardian is liable to arrest and fine. A child may not leave school until he is sixteen years of age (instead of fourteen as many still think). There are two exceptions to this law. One is that he may leave at fourteen if the superintendent upon investigation finds that he is needed "to engage in profitable employment at home." In this case a "Home Permit" is issued to the child after evidence of the need at home has been produced. The other exception is in case a child is granted an Employment Certificate. To secure this he must present to the superintendent a written promise of employment, a school record, a birth certificate and a physician's health certificate.

The usual statistics relating to teachers, attendance, enrollment and school calendar are appended. I invite your attention to the special reports of the music supervisor, the drawing supervisor and the school physician. Unfortunately Miss Shaw was unable to continue the work in drawing on the same basis as last year, but she has prepared outlines for the teachers and directs the work by correspondence and by an occasional visit.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1916-1917.

School	Teacher	Educated at	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield High	14	13.9	12.9	93
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	31	24.8	23.3	94
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	19	18.8	18.2	97
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	11	11	10.3	93
West	Helena K. Rutherford	No. Brookfield High	10	9.1	8.2	90
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton				
Drawing	G. Eleanor Shaw	Mass. Normal Art				
		Totals	85	77.6	72.9	93.4

*of the grade graduation, first classification  
in "Scrapbook 1915-1920" from Worcester Telegram,  
June 5, 1917*

### PROMOTIONS, JUNE, 1917.

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Tot.
Promoted	7	5	5	17	6	6	2	3	10	61
On trial	1	0	4	2	5	0	0	1	0	13
Repeating	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	5
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Totals	9	6	9	19	13	6	2	4	11	79

### SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPT. 1, 1917.

Boys 5 to 7 years old,	6
Girls 5 to 7 years old,	10
Boys 7 to 14 years old,	25
Girls 7 to 14 years old,	35
Boys 14 to 16 years old,	11
Girls 14 to 16 years old	9
	—
Total,	96

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall term, Sept. 4, 1917, to Dec. 21, 1917.

Winter term, Dec. 31, 1917, to Feb. 15, 1918.

Spring term, Mar. 25, 1918, to June 14, 1918.

Fall term, Sept. 3, 1918, to Dec. 20, 1918.

Winter term, Dec. 30, 1918, to Feb. 14, 1919.

Spring term, Mar. 24, 1919, to June 13, 1919.

Holidays—Jan. 1, Feb. 22, Apr. 19, May 30, Barre Fair, Oct. 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Christmas.

## ROLL OF HONOR

*Three Years*

Alexina Labonte

*One Year*

1915-1916

Gladys Stone  
Harold Stone (T3)  
Joseph Bruce  
Doris Bruce  
Russell Chase  
Iyah Cody

1916-1917

Enola Clifford  
Dorothy Day  
Joseph Bruce  
Archie Dunstan (T1)  
Kenneth Pierce  
Rose Ivison  
Lena Knight  
George Ferguson (T9)

*Two Terms*

Ruth Morse  
John Day  
Dorothy Day (T1)  
Walter Pierce  
Arthur Messier  
Milton Parker  
Kenneth Wilkins  
Oliver Wilkins  
Alla Carpenter  
Beruice Carpenter  
Doris Carpenter  
Lena Knight  
Henry Wilson

Esther Greenlaw  
John Briggs  
Raymond Crawford  
Arline Prevost  
Milton Parker  
Katherine Mullen  
Frederick Greenlaw (T2)

*One Term*

Orton Butler	Roscoe Crawford
Esther Briggs	Franklin Briggs
Herbert Howe	Joseph Greenlaw
George Ferguson	Sophie Lupa
Blanche Knight	Eleanor Knight
Eleanor Knight	Russell Chase
Arline Prevost	Walter Pierce
Hazel Briggs	Oliver Wilkins
Albert Eggleston	Doris Carpenter
Franklin Cheever	Annie Winsky
Bernard Carpenter	Frank Parkman (T1)
Kenneth Pierce	Laura Snay
Zella Carpenter	Joseph Greenlaw (T1)
Flora Messier	
Irene Messier	

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REPORT OF DRAWING INSTRUCTOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The work in drawing is being continued along the same lines as in previous years. This is made possible through the interest and loyal support of the teachers.

Outlines are supplied and these are supplemented by an occasional visit from the supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

G. ELEANOR SHAW.

December 21, 1917.

## REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR

Mr. J. R. Childs, Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:—The work in music has been conducted along the same lines as formerly, the time devoted to the work unchanged.

Music in the public schools is a valuable factor in the mental, physical and emotional development of the child, and is as important in character molding as any other subject in the school curriculum. The teaching of music in schools lays a foundation for the culture of later life. At the present day no education can be called finished which does not embrace some knowledge of music.

The four essentials of this subject are conceptions of good music, voice training, sight singing and musical interpretation. Musical conceptions are unconsciously acquired by the use of simple songs, voice drills, and exercise melodies in which there are the essentials of good melody.

With the small number of pupils in each school this year, constant attention is given to individual work, which is desirable as an aid in training the pupil to depend upon himself, and to help him become an independent thinker and doer. As he discovers that his standing depends upon his class work the pupil becomes a more valuable member of the school community.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,

*Supervisor of Schools.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Holden, Mass., Dec. 10, 1917.

Mr. J. R. Childs, Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:—I have visited the schools of the town of Oakham twice during the current year and made the usual individual inspection of the pupils. The fall inspection showed two cases of ringworm, five cases of skin trouble of undetermined character, some of them possibly ringworm, seven cases of hypertrophied tonsils—operation advised, unvaccinated, fourteen—nearly twenty per cent of those inspected. Probably three-fourths of the pupils need the attention of the dentist. A few absences were reported, but I did not learn of any cases of severe or communicable illness.

Yours very truly,

CLIFFORD W. STICKNEY,

*School Physician of Oakham.*

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